

HOUSE BILL 1068

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(22), is amended by
deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(22) "Nontraditional student" means a student who is at least twenty-five (25)
years of age, who has not previously been a recipient of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship
and who enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution:

(A) With less than twenty-four (24) semester hours at an eligible
postsecondary institution or regionally-accredited postsecondary institution
located outside of Tennessee; or

(B) At least one (1) year after last attending any eligible postsecondary
institution or regionally accredited postsecondary institution located outside of
Tennessee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a), is amended by deleting
subdivision (6) and substituting instead the following:

(6) Maintain continuous enrollment at the eligible postsecondary institution
attended after entering such institution as a nontraditional student; and

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931, is amended by deleting
subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b) A nontraditional student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship
at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24)
semester hours as a nontraditional student, if the student has a cumulative grade point

average of at least 2.75 for all semester hours attempted as a nontraditional student. A nontraditional student who does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted a total of twenty-four (24) semester hours, after enrolling as a nontraditional student, shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, if the student achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of any semester in which eligibility is reviewed under § 49-4-911. In determining eligibility under § 49-4-911, only semester hours attempted as a nontraditional student shall be used in calculating cumulative grade point averages.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931, is further amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following sentence:

(c)

(1) To continue to receive a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, such student shall meet the requirement of § 49-4-911, except that only semester hours attempted as a nontraditional student shall be used in determining whether a student continues to be eligible to receive the scholarship.

(2) A HOPE scholarship awarded under this section shall be subject to the provisions of § 49-4-913, except that only semester hours attempted as a nontraditional student shall be used in determining whether a student continues to be eligible to receive the scholarship.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking Tennessee HOPE scholarships as nontraditional students for the 2007-2008 academic year and thereafter.